The Women’s Christian Temperance Union is a non-partisan, non-denominational, non-profit organization.

The New Zealand Women’s Christian Temperance Union promotes a drug-free lifestyle and Christian values for the home and the community.

Supporters

☐ I would like to be a SUPPORTER of the NZ Women’s Christian Temperance Union

☐ I agree to the aims and objectives of the NZWCTU

Signed ________________________________

Date ________________________________

I enclose my annual subscription of $20.00

☐ Please find enclosed my cheque:

(cheques payable to NZWCTU)

Direct Credit:
NZ Womens Christian Temperance Union Inc
ANZ bank 06-0705-0090878-00
(please put your initials and last name in the reference box)

Donations

☐ Yes I would like to be a donor

(all donations over $5 will be receipted)

Donation Amount $ __________________

Bequests

☐ Please send me information on making a bequest

Donation Amount $ __________________

Website Links for further WCTU Information

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WCTU (Women’s Christian Temperance Union Inc) 2013
Charities Number CCS3955
Who we are

The WCTU (Women’s Christian Temperance Union) is the oldest continuing non-sectarian women’s organisation in the world. It is a charter member in the United Nations Non-Governmental Organisations.

It was formally organised in 1874 at Ohio. The New Zealand Union was formed in 1885. The WCTU was organised by women who were concerned about the destructive power of alcohol and the problems it was causing their families and society.

WCTU members choose total abstinence from alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs as their lifestyle and they adopted this definition of temperance:

Temperance may be defined as:

Moderation in all things healthful; total abstinence from all things harmful.

- Xenophon (Greek philosopher), c. 400 BCE

The white ribbon bow was selected to symbolise personal purity of life, including total abstinence from the use of alcohol and all illegal narcotics.

New Zealand

The NZWCTU have a proud history of involvement in social justice, policy and welfare issues that affect all New Zealand citizens and families. Currently alcohol and other drug use is a major cause of concern in our society and we invite you to help us protect our homes and families from the power and influence of international manufacturing conglomerates. By becoming a part of this movement, you will benefit from all that the WCTU lifestyle has to offer and help to make a difference in the community around you through raising awareness, (eg Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder); participation in central and local government policy development and supporting community action.

Support Our Work

By signing the pledge to become a Full Member OR by being a Supporter.

Men are welcome to become members or supporters. Both categories receive a newsletter and attend the annual convention.

Other ways to support the organisation are by Donation and Bequests.

Membership

I would like to become a MEMBER of the NZ Women’s Christian Temperance Union

I _____________________________________

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Date ________________________________

Aims & Objectives

Women throughout the world have joined together:

➢ To foster a belief in and love for God
➢ To encourage and uphold Christian values in the home and community
➢ To recognise the true status of women and safeguard the rights of parents and children alike, being an advocate for woman’s rights and human rights
➢ To educate and encourage communities and governments to make wise decisions in order to protect society from the social problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling, prostitution etc.
➢ To assist those who are underprivileged or disadvantaged due to racial, economic or social discrimination.

Suffrage

Kate Sheppard (1847-1934), WCTU franchise leader lead the women to petition parliament for the vote.

Finally on the 19th September 1893 New Zealand women were the first in the world to gain the right to vote in National elections.

Members of Parliament who had supported the cause were presented with a white camellia by the WCTU which is now the international symbol for women’s suffrage.

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